

<u>Autoboyography</u> by Christina Lauren

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BOOK SYNOPSIS

Three years ago, Tanner Scott's family relocated from California to Utah, a move that nudged the bisexual teen temporarily back into the closet. Now, with one semester of high school to go, and no obstacles between him and out-of-state college freedom, Tanner plans to coast through his remaining classes and clear out of Utah.

But when his best friend Autumn dares him to take Provo High's prestigious Seminar—where honor roll students diligently toil to draft a book in a semester—Tanner can't resist going against his better judgment and having a go, if only to prove to Autumn how silly the whole thing is. Writing a book in four months sounds simple. Four months is an eternity.

It turns out, Tanner is only partly right: four months is a long time. After all, it takes only one second for him to notice Sebastian Brother, the Mormon prodigy who sold his own Seminar novel the year before and who now mentors the class. And it takes less than a month for Tanner to fall completely in love with him.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Readers will cheer for Tanner's confidence in his sexual identity and for the quality bi representation he provides. Satisfying." — <u>Kirkus</u>

"While avoiding any demonizing of any religious groups, this manages to take on the intricacies of sexuality versus organized religion in an intense but ultimately inspirational narrative. Lauren successfully tackles a weighty subject with both ferocity and compassion." —Booklist

"... the teenagers are modern and relatable and the plot is emotionally engaging without becoming dark... VERDICT A thoughtful variation on the traditional high school LGBTQ+ romance that will enhance public library collections."

—School Library Journal

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Lambda Literary Award Finalist
- Kansas NEA Reading Circle List High School Title
- Eliot Rosewater Indiana High School Book Award
- TAYSHAS Reading List (TX)
- ALA Rainbow Book

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AUTHOR STATEMENT

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.